



**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 3749**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ALLY *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/741,735

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**For: Apparatus and Method for Drying
Solutions Containing
Macromolecules**

Confirmation No.: 5901

Art Unit: 3749

Examiner: Lu Jiping

Atty. Docket: 0942.4060002/LEA

Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **May 21, 2002**, Applicants submit the following
Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement claim along with clear instructions for entry; and
 - (B) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.